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In re the Patent Application of :  
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Serial No. 07/937,560 : Art Unit: 2406  
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For: Minimum Dead Volume Fitting :

ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

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and Trademarks  
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Sir:  
Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

claim 18, line 18, changed "only" to --  
no more than --;

claim 19, line 10, after "that", insert -- no more  
than --; and

claim 23, line 22, before "equal", insert -- substantially --.

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on July 6,  
1993, the applicant hereby elects species I, the species of Figs.  
1, 2, 5 and 6. Claims 1-11, 15, 16, 18-21 and 23 read on the  
elected embodiment.

REMARKS

In the Summary of the Invention, in lines 14-19 on page 2 of  
the present application, it is described that the present invention  
produces a minimum dead volume condition and, in some embodiments,  
a zero dead volume condition. A zero dead volume condition is the  
ultimate minimum dead volume condition. In the embodiments of the  
present invention in which there is some difference between the